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**Subject:** Seresto Flea Collar Pet Incidents = EPA Follow-up  
**Attachments:** Flea collar Seresto Flea Collars EPA Desk Statement 4-21-21.docx

EPA has been responding to public inquiries and more about the initial USA Today article on pet incidents from March 2, 2021 (see initial notice to you from March 4, further below). The public is urged to contact their Vets or NPIC with questions. EPA takes this report of incidents very seriously. EPA is looking into gathering more specific incident data from the registrant and elsewhere.

Please find as below links to a few media coverages on this topic. The Snopes article contains interviews with EPA on this issue.

The EPA Desk Statement is attached . Press Inquiries can be directed to [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) and concerned citizens can go to [pesticidequestions@epa.gov](mailto:pesticidequestions@epa.gov) . The public may also contact NPIC at <http://npic.orst.edu/> .

**Media Coverage:**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/03/02/seresto-dog-cat-collars-found-harm-pets-humans-epa-records-show/4574753001/>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/seresto-flea-collar-recall-pet-deaths/>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/seresto-flea-tick-collars-congress-recall-effort-pet-deaths-2021-3>

Snopes Follow-up with EPA through interviews and Reference to EPA documents on the Incidents:

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/seresto-flea-collars-deaths/>

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For pesticide information visit <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/> or <http://npic.orst.edu/>

R5 Bed Bug Hotline at 888/644-2200 or [bedbugs@umn.edu](mailto:bedbugs@umn.edu)

To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>

Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

**Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!**

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**From:** Baumgartner, Donald

**Sent:** Thursday, March 4, 2021 6:38 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** ALERT = US Today Article Critical of EPA on Flea Collars Related to Pet Deaths

The below linked article came to my attention a couple days ago, when found by a colleague here in R5. Sharing with you as FYI. If picked up by the media even more, this has a potential to get big. May result in some calls as well to the States.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/03/02/seresto-dog-cat-collars-found-harm-pets-humans-epa-records-show/4574753001/>

“...Seresto, one of the most popular flea and tick collars in the country, has been linked to hundreds of pet deaths, tens of thousands of injured animals and hundreds of harmed humans, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents show. Yet the EPA has done nothing to inform the public of the risks....” [USA Today]

EPA OCSPP and EPA Regional Public Affairs have been warned of public or press inquiries coming in about this. OPP recommends that press inquiries for the EPA be directed to [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov) concerned citizens may go to [pesticidequestions@epa.gov](mailto:pesticidequestions@epa.gov).

Our R5 Amy Mysz provides the following as well that may help for any incident reporting to EPA:

Now, I generally refer folks to OPP's incident page to report directly <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents> There are separate links for pets and domestic animals, people and other categories depending on who/what was impacted.

Under pets and domestic animals:


The best thing for a consumer is to send an email to the incident mailbox [Report.Pesticide.Incident@epa.gov](mailto:Report.Pesticide.Incident@epa.gov) which is the last option under reporting by pet owners. It goes directly to OPP which is where it needs to go. The email address is built into the last bullet: There's a similar one for human exposure under the "people" link on the main incident reporting page (since people sometimes report adverse effects to animal products too).

For any non-registrant wanting to report incidents involving pets or domestic animals that may not involve violation of pesticide regulations, send us an email.

If available, useful information includes:

- Type and number of animals exposed.
- Size, breed and age of the animal.
- Condition of the animal, e.g., symptoms exhibited, current health status.
- The pesticide involved (include EPA registration number if available).
- Any other pertinent information.

**NOTE:** I always ask them to be as specific as possible about the product (EPA Reg No. not just product name). I encourage them to include information about how and when the product was applied and when/what symptoms occurred. If more than 1 animal in the household, I suggest they include any interaction between treated animals and non/treated animals as applicable. Also if and what treatment was sought, etc.

- I also encourage veterinarians to report through NPIC's portal – or encourage consumers to ask their vets to report here.
- - NPIC offers an online Veterinary Pesticide Incident Reporting Portal  where veterinarians and their staff can submit reports to NPIC, for surveillance purposes (not enforcement). NPIC staff are also available to veterinarians for general pesticide-related questions regarding animal exposures.

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